2nd August 1933] [The President]

As the number of candidates nominated for election is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled up, viz., six, I hereby declare them duly elected.

" In addition to the above, I nominate, under Standing Order No. 84, Mr. M. S. Sreshta and Mr. Pocker Sahib as Members of the Committee. The Deputy President will be the Chairman of the Committee."

IV.—A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS NURSES AND MIDWIVES ACT, 1926. 11-45 a.m.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—" I appoint Rao Bahadur C. Natesa Mudaliyar to be the Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to consider the Bill to amend the Madras Nurses and Midwives Act, 1926 (Bill No. 8 of 1933)."

NON-OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

V.—RESOLUTIONS ON MATTERS OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A BROADCASTING SERVICE FOR THIS PRESIDENCY.

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—" Discussion on the following resolution of Mr. A. B. Shetty will be resumed, viz.—

'This Council recommends to the Government to take early steps to establish a broadcasting service for this Presidency.'

* Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—" Mr. President, I rise to support the resolution[a] moved by my hon. Friend, Mr. Shetty. The attention of the Government has been drawn to the need for a broadcasting station more than once. If I remember right, more than two years ago, during the discussion of the Budget, it was pointed out that Government should bestow their attention on the starting of a broadcast service. Madras, in spite of the fact that there is very good scope for broadcast, has not been given the facilities for the starting of a broadcasting station. The Corporation of Madras with its slender resources has however tried its utmost to run a broadcasting station. The difficulties it is confronted with are that the station is not a powerful one and sufficient funds are not available. If Government would really take up this question seriously, I am quite confident it would be possible to establish a more powerful station and the necessary finances would also be available. The Madras Corporation last year passed a resolution stating that they would like to have a licence for running a more powerful station and also asked the Government for a grant. It is common knowledge that the Corporation in spite of handicaps has been running a station which is fairly popular. We see every evening people collecting in large numbers at the Marina to hear the music that is broadcast. The Corporation also broadcasts news. Of course it is not possible for the Corporation with its limited finances to give good music. Now with the starting of the Empire Broadcasting Service it is possible for stations not only to broadcast themselves but to receive and relay. During recent years, great improvements have been made with regard to the apparatus of receiving sets, so that even in the case of receiving sets with

[a] Vide Proceedings of the Council, dated 24th January 1933.